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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, IN
SUBJECT: BRITISH EXPECT EARLY DECISION ON DPSA

1. ACTING UK HIGH COMMISSIONER EWANS TOLD DCM AUGUST 3 THAT
"HIS BEST INFORMATION" WAS THAT GOI CABINET COMMITTEE WOULD
MAKE ITS DECISION ON DPSA PURCHASE SOMETIME NEXT WEEK AND THAT
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOI DECISION WOULD BE MADE BY MID-
AUGUST.

2. EWANS SAID BRITISH HAD RENEWED TERMS OF JAGUAR OFFER,
WHICH EXPIRED IN JUNE, TO BE VALID UNTIL END OF AUGUST. BE-
CAUSE OF PRICE ESCALATIONS, SAID EWANS, PRESENT OFFER COULD
NOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND AUGUST; ANY FURTHER DELAY WOULD NECES-
SITATE A COMPLETE RECASTING OF THE OFFER. ACCORDING TO EWANS,
FRENCH MIRAGE OFFER HAD ALSO BEEN EXTENDED UP TO END OF AUG-
UST.

3. COMMENT: GOI DEFENSE MINISTER JAGJIVAN RAM TOLD UNDER
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SECRETARY NEWSOM ON JULY 12 THAT A POSTPONEMENT OF DPSA
DECISION BY ONE MONTH OR SO WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT. IF
EWANS IS RIGHT, ONE MONTH'S POSTPONEMENT IS JUST WHAT IT WILL
BE.
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